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First STA-21 Selectees Announced

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The first selectees for the Navy’s newest officer accession program, Seaman to Admiral - 21 (STA-21), were recently announced following a board convened by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), Pensacola, Fla. 327 highly qualified sailors were selected from a group of 1,400 applicants. NAVADMIN 261/01 provides a listing of primary and secondary program selectees and their program options.

Petty Officer First Class Kristine McAndrews, a 25-year-old Aviation Warfare Systems Operator and Naval Air Crewman from Chapin, S.C., said, “The STA-21 program application process was intense yet easier than the processes for the programs that it replaced. Getting chosen for this program seemed to be the hard part, but now I realize that I have to work even harder for my degree and to further my career. I hope that my selection for this program will help my students at the Naval Air Technical Training Center to realize that that STA-21 program can also help them achieve their career goals.”

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STA-21 streamlined the application process by consolidating eight of 14 enlisted commissioning paths into a single application process and selection board. Under STA-21, Sailors remain in an active-duty status and receive full pay, allowances, benefits and an education voucher worth up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, fees, and books. Selectees will attend a college or university associated with the Navy ROTC program after being assigned by CNET and gaining admission to the institution.

Applications for the fiscal year 2003 STA-21 selection board will be accepted from January 1 through July 1, 2002. For more information, visit the STA-21 website at www.sta-21.navy.mil; or call 850-452-4967 (or DSN prefix 922-, or 1-800-NAV-ROTC) extension 310, 324, 337, or 344.

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